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1. MET WITH PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL TODAY TO APPRISE HIM OF OUR IDEAS FOR CAMP DAVID MEETING AS SET FORTH IN REFTEL. HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND WILL REPORT TO SADAT LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW. HIS PRELIMINARY RE-ACTIONS FOLLOW:

A. NO PROBLEM WITH PROPOSED OFFICIAL DELEGATION SIZE (EIGHT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL, PLUS SIX SUPPORT STAFF).

B. DOGWOOD CABIN ACCOMMODATIONS AGREEABLE. HE ASKED HOW MINISTERIAL AND SENIOR SUBSTANTIVE STAFF, AS WELL AS SUPPORT STAFF, WILL BE HOUSED. IN TERMS OF SUPPORT STAFF, HE THOUGHT SADAT WILL WISH TO BRING WITH HIM HIS COOK, HEAD OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY AND FOUR AS YET UNSPECIFIED PERSONS. HE AGREED EGYPTIAN EMBASSY SHOULD ARRANGE HOTEL SPACE FOR THOSE MEMBERS OF PARTY WHO WILL NOT BE PERMANENTLY AT CAMP DAVID.

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C. PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY JODY POWELL WILL SERVE AS SINGLE BRIEFER ON BEHALF OF ALL THREE LEADERS IS AGREEABLE. EGYPTIANS DO NOT INTEND TO HOLD SEPARATE BRIEFINGS, PROVIDED THAT ISRAELIS ALSO HONOR THIS RULE. KAMEL IS DESIGNATING MININFO UNDERSECRETARY MURSI SAAD EL-DIN TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EGYPTIAN PUBLIC MEDIA REPS WHO MAY WISH TO GO TO WASHINGTON. HE WILL INSTRUCT MURSI

TO PROVIDE ASAP REQUESTED INFO ON SUCH EGYPTIAN PUBLIC MEDIA REPS. PROPOSED POOL ARRANGEMENTS AGREEABLE. KAMEL NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SIX OFFICIAL GOE PUBLIC MEDIA REPS (SAAD ZAGHLUL, HIMMET MUSTAPHA, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND TWO-MAN OFFICIAL TELEVISION TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING ON SADAT'S AIRCRAFT. HE ASKED IF THESE OFFICIAL GOE PUBLIC MEDIA REPS COULD BE HELICOPTERED FROM ANDREWS TO CAMP DAVID SO AS TO ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE SADAT'S HELICOPTER ARRIVES. EGYPTIANS WOULD LIKE THESE OFFICIAL PUBLIC MEDIA REPS TO TELEVISION SADAT'S ARRIVAL AT ANDREWS AS WELL AS HIS SUBSEQUENT ARRIVAL AT CAMP DAVID. HE WOULD PREFER THIS ARRANGEMENT, IF POSSIBLE, RATHER THAN HAVING EGYPTIAN POOL REPS ARRIVE SUFFICIENTLY FAR IN ADVANCE TO BE ON SITE AT CAMP DAVID TO COVER HELICOPTER ARRIVAL. PLEASE ADVISE.

D. AS OF NOW, KAMEL CONFIRMED THAT MRS. SADAT WILL NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT TO WASHINGTON. SHE WILL DROP OFF IN PARIS WITH HER DAUGHTER, NUHA, FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE LATTER'S BABY. KAMEL CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT MRS. SADAT IS UNPREDICTABLE AND MAY AT THE LAST MINUTE DECIDE THAT SHE WANTS TO ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT TO WASHINGTON. HE PROMISED TO KEEP ME ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE IN MRS. SADAT'S PLAN. FOR THE MOMENT, WE SHOULD PLAN ON THE BASIS THAT SHE WILL NOT BE THERE.

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E. KAMEL AGREED LEAD ADVANCE TEAM, WHICH HE THOUGHT MIGHT ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON IN THE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK. HE PROMISED LET US KNOW DATE AND NAMES ASAP.

F. NO PROBLEM ON OUR PROPOSED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. AS INDICATED ABOVE, HEAD OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY EXPECTED BE A MEMBER OF EGYPTIAN SUPPORT DELEGATION. ALL OTHERS WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON.

G. KAMEL UNDERTOOK PROVIDE EGYPTIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS ASAP.

H. CONFERENCE AND FOOD AND DINING ARRANGEMENTS AGREEABLE. KAMEL ASKED HOW WE PROPOSE TO SET UP CONFERENCE TABLE FOR LARGER GROUP. SADAT'S COOK WILL PREPARE THE PRESIDENT'S MEALS AND WILL ALSO BRING LATTER'S SPECIAL FOOD REQUIREMENTS.

I. NO PROBLEM WITH RELIGIOUS SERVICES. KAMEL NOTED THAT EGYPTIANS CAN PERFORM THEIR FIVE TIMES DAILY PRAYERS PRIVATELY.

J. KAMEL EXPECTS THAT SADAT'S AIRCRAFT WILL ARRIVE AT

ANDREWS AT ABOUT 1500, SEPTEMBER 5, BUT WILL CONFIRM THIS LATER.

K. HE AGREED THAT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING EGYPTIAN AND ARAB NEWS SERVICES AND NEWS-PAPERS.

L. HE TOOK NOTE OF AVAILABLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,

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BUT REITERATED THAT SADAT'S PRINCIPAL RELAXATION AFTER A BUSY DAY IS A GOOD FILM. SADAT PREFERS WESTERNS AND DETECTIVE STORIES.

M. KAMEL AGREED ON PROPOSED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY USG WILL PICK UP EXPENSES COVERING THOSE WHO REMAIN AT CAMP DAVID AND GOE PICKS UP EXPENSES OF THOSE WHO WILL BE QUARTERED IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WILL BE ASKED ARRANGE NEEDED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

2. SINCE ASHRAF GHORBAL LEFT FOR WASHINGTON THIS MORNING, KAMEL ASKED THAT WE ALSO BRIEF HIM ON INFO CONTAINED REFTEL SO THAT GHORBAL IS AWARE OF PLANNING. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT IF SADAT AS ANY OTHER IDEAS, HE WILL LET ME KNOW AT ONCE. WE AGREED KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH.
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